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Points of Distinction

- CPA Exam pass rate is 6x the national pass rate
- Top producer of Fulbright Scholars
- 100% pass rate on Board of Certification for athletic training students
- 100 Best Values in Public College by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*
- Military Friendly College
- 75% of students who graduated in past ten years live in Iowa



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Organizational efficiencies

- Combined two colleges
- Restructured or closed academic programs
- Upgraded Student Information System
- Closed – Print Services, Price Lab, baseball
- Changed hiring processes



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Business Practices

- Electronic student bills and electronic vendor payments – save over \$40,000 annually
- Budget book moved from print to electronic – save over \$5,000/yr
- Electronic timekeeping system eliminates over 80,000 paper timecards each year
- Enhance benefits with reduced costs



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Purchasing

- Partnerships with SUI, ISU, DAS, DOT
- Telecom supplies and cabling – saved \$124,000
- Plumbing supplies – saved \$14,000
- Scientific equipment – saved \$127,000
- Fleet cards – no rate increase
- Copy machines – saved \$100,000
- Dining areas – saw flat pricing
- Dry sorbent – saved \$77,000
- Coal bidding – saved \$300,000



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Facilities & Energy Management

- Multimodal Transportation Center – partnership with federal and local agencies – net zero utility costs
- Ongoing commitment to improving building utility efficiency
 - Rod Library
 - Wellness Recreation Center
 - UNI-Dome
 - Curris Business Building
- LEED certified buildings
 - Sabin Hall renovation – Gold
 - Panther Village – Silver design
 - Bartlett Hall – Silver design
- Vehicle replacement



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Waste Management

- Imaging system – ½ million pages recycled
- Panther Pick-up – a recycle program in partnership with local charities
- Trayless dining – reduced food waste
- 400 tons of waste diversion, including over ¼ million bottles
- Batteries, lamps/light bulbs, toner cartridges, paint thinner and cooking oil are all recycled



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The overarching question

How efficient is UNI in retaining and graduating students?



When compared to 50 universities across the country:

- 9th in the rate of retention
- 6th in the rate of graduation

Source: www.collegeresults.org



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